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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, CG  
SUBJECT: ITT PAYMENTS PROBLEM

REF: STATE 94225

1. EMBASSY OFFICER TALKED WITH COMMISSAIRE D'ETAT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPH (ONPTZ) WABALI ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE WITH HIM REGARDING ITT PLAN TO WITHDRAW TECHNICIAN IF \$100,000 PAYMENT NOT FORTHCOMING BY END OF APRIL. WABALI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ITT ULTIMATUM PRESENTED SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR HIS DEPARTMENT, AND SAID THAT BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR EUROPE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, HE WILL TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ZAIRE. (EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN.) WABALI ALSO SAID HE HAD NO PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION OF THE IMPENDING CRISIS.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER THEN TALKED WITH ONPTZ DIRECTOR GENERAL, MWANDA, WHO SAID THAT BELL ZAIRE HAD DELIVERED AN ITT TELEX EARLIER THIS MONTH CONTAINING THE SAME INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT ONPTZ WOULD PETITION THE BANK OF ZAIRE TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS. HOWEVER, TO SUPPORT THE PETITION, ONPTZ REQUIRES TELEXED BILL FROM ITT STATING THE AMOUNT OWED, THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS INCURRED, AND THE PERIOD TO WHICH IT APPLIES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT A DEFINITE AMOUNT WOULD HAVE TO BE CITED FOR THE SPARE PARTS PAYMENT. MWANDA SAID ONPTZ WOULD PRESENT PETITION TO THE BANK OF ZAIRE AS SOON AS  
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THE BILL ARE RECEIVED FROM ITT. MWANDA'S DIRECT TELEX NUMBER IS 21403.

3. ITT SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE ONPTZ ACKNOWLEDGES GRAVITY OF SITUATION AND IS WILLING TO ACT PROMPTLY ONCE BILLS ARE RECEIVED, ULTIMATE PAYMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL BANK WHICH ALONE FIXES PRIORITIES FOR PAYMENT. CONSIDERING OTHER URGENT PAYMENTS

COMING DUE THIS MONTH AND PAYMENT TECHNICALITIES (FOR EXAMPLE, FINANCE MUST APPROVE PAYMENT ORDER BEFORE BANK CAN ACT), MWANDA AND EMBASSY ARE AFRAID BANK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITT DEADLINE. COMPANY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FALL-BACK POSITION.

4. BELL-ZAIRE DIRECTOR DELEU IS STILL IN CUSTODY. MWANDA STATES THAT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE CHARGES AGAINST DELEU CONCERN IRREGULAR FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS AND ILLEGAL USE OF IMPORT LICENSES. MWANDA SAID ITT IS NOT INVOLVED EXCEPT TO EXTENT THAT ITT IS ONE OF MANY SUPPLIERS FROM WHOM BELL-ZAIRE IMPORTED EQUIPMENT.  
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